

Request for City Council Committee Action

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To PS & RS Committee

Referral to Ways & Means Committee

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Approved by – Deputy Chief Greg Hestness

Subject: Waiving barricade fees for National Night Out

Presenters in Committee -

Recommendation

We request that the block event fee be waived again for National Night Out, August 6, 2002, if an application is received by the close of business Tuesday, July 9. Further, we ask that a \$15 fee is charged for applications filed between July 10 and July 23 and that applications received July 24 or after will be denied. If approved, Community Crime Prevention/SAFE will notify all block clubs in late May so that they have time to meet the deadline for fee waiver.

Each year over 10% of Minneapolis citizens are involved in events in their neighborhoods. (In 2001, over 34,000 people from 1,606 blocks participated in 812 separate events.)

nancial Impact (Check those that apply) financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
 Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase Action requires use of contingency or reserves Other financial impact (Explain): City would lose approximatey \$8,000.00 in barricade rentals
 Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information

For the past eight National Night Outs the City has waived the fee for a block event permit for NNO if the application was received by the end of the first week in July. Applications received for the next ten days required a \$15 fee, and applications received less that 14 days prior to NNO were subject to denial. Many residents have expressed appreciation for the opportunity to have the fee waived and consider it an affirmation of their crime prevention efforts by the City Council and Mayor.